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# H. J. RES. 236

Designating August 7, 1993, as “Drug Free Day”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating August 7, 1993, as “Drug Free Day”.

Whereas in 1992, an estimated 11,400,000 Americans were  
current illicit drug users;

Whereas in 1992, an estimated 9,000,000 Americans were  
marijuana or hashish users;

Whereas frequent use of marijuana remained unchanged be-  
tween 1991 and 1992 at about 5,200,000 users;

Whereas in 1992, 1,300,000 Americans were cocaine users;

Whereas frequent use of cocaine remained unchanged be-  
tween 1991 and 1992 at about 640,000;

Whereas the price of illicit drugs has decreased;

Whereas the purity of drugs, especially heroin, has increased;

Whereas heroin is causing an increasing proportion of the health problems that bring people to the hospital;

Whereas our communities are again threatened by an epidemic of heroin addiction;

Whereas an estimated 70 percent of the nearly 650,000 State prisoners have a history of drug use and 50 percent have a drug problem requiring intensive treatment;

Whereas the number of cocaine users seeking emergency room help increased to nearly 31,000 in 1992, 8.2 percent over the same period in 1991;

Whereas there have been no major changes in the prevalence of the use of hallucinogens, such as LSD and PCP;

Whereas high school seniors have reported increased availability of LSD, crack cocaine, and heroin between 1991 and 1992;

Whereas eighth graders have reported increased availability of cocaine, crack cocaine, and marijuana;

Whereas the rate of illicit drug use in 1992 was highest among 18–25 year olds;

Whereas almost 11 percent of all juveniles confined in public facilities were held for drug-related offenses;

Whereas eighth graders have reported higher rates of drug use in 1992 than in 1991;

Whereas the rates of marijuana use among eighth graders has increased;

Whereas 6.1 percent of seniors in the class of 1992 said they had used cocaine at least once in their lifetime;

Whereas among the graduating class of 1992, 40.7 percent of students said they had used cocaine at least once in their lifetime;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 young people aged 12–17 have used an illicit drug within the past year;

Whereas more than 490,000 12–17 year olds have tried cocaine at least once in their lifetimes;

Whereas experimentation with inhalants among adolescents continues to be unacceptably high;

Whereas 57 percent of children with AIDS were born to mother who were intravenous drug users or sexual partners of intravenous drug users;

Whereas there still remains a serious drug problem, particularly among our Nation's youth;

Whereas the drug epidemic cannot be controlled by efforts of government and law enforcement alone;

Whereas there must be a wide-ranging effort including education, prevention, and treatment;

Whereas the pervasive problems of poverty, miseducation, and poor health care are the root causes of drug abuse and must be addressed in order to end the drug epidemic;

Whereas the important role that is played by the family must be recognized and encouraged;

Whereas the efforts of our churches and other influential institution must be appreciated and encouraged; and

Whereas there should be a day when the total community focuses its attention on the eradication of drug addiction:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3   That August 7, 1993, is designated as “Drug Free Day”.  
4   The President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-  
5   lamation calling upon the people of the United States  
6   to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and  
7   activities.

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